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HELPING HAITI



Kenley Phillipe, 3, sits by supplies distributed by the American Red Cross in Croix Desprez, Port au Prince.

Photos by Talia Frenkel/American Red Cross

GEM upgrade begins Feb. 3

By MJ Ortiz
News Editor

Students will experience the complete transition of the JSU e-mail system to a new interface by the late hours of February 3.

The system that has been switched already for faculty and staff accounts, is to replace GEM; a platform already categorized as "an aging old system" by the Information Technology department.

GEM is now powered by Zimbra collaboration suite and it includes features such as: mail, calendars, briefcase, document collaboration, preferences, searching, tags, tasks, briefcase, RSS feeds and even view-by-conversation e-mail displays.

Sean Ponder, Director of Academic Computing and Network Support, explained that Zimbra is basically "just better."

"It is a system that is more manageable for our IT and that is a full e-mail for students" he said, "I have been looking forward to students using it; I really think they will be pleased."

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By Zach Childree
Editor in Chief

As relief streams into the island nation of Haiti following a series of devastating earthquakes on January 12, the Student Government Association is stepping up to offer an opportunity for Jacksonville State University students to help.

The SGA began collecting donations from students last week at the basketball game against Tennessee State and will continue collecting donations until February 28.

SGA President Bryant Whaley said the SGA is working with the Bursar's office to collect the donations, and the university will send a check to the American Red Cross.

"We've already collected \$255 just from the basketball game," Whaley said. "Students can donate by finding the 'Help for Haiti' jugs we are passing around."

The Red Cross urges people to donate money by going to their website, redcross.org or by texting "HAITI" to 90999 to donate \$10. They also advise those concerned not to donate individual household goods.

"The relief operation in Haiti is already the largest single-country personnel deployment in global Red Cross history," the Red Cross said in a press release on Monday.

"The number of emergency response teams in or en route to Haiti equals those that responded to the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami—a disaster that spanned 14 countries."

Last Friday's "Hope for Haiti Now" telethon, broadcast in the United States and internationally, raised \$58 million, which will be split evenly among seven charities: the American Red-Cross, the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund, Oxfam America, Partners in Health, UNICEF, the United Nations World Food Programme and the Yele Haiti Foundation.

If you would like more information about donating to the Red Cross through the SGA, contact Debbie Taylor at 782-5490 or dbtaylor@jsu.edu.



RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS

- Clinton/Bush Haiti Fund: clintonbushhaitifund.org
- Oxfam America: oxfamamerica.org
- Partners in Health: www.pih.org/Stand-With-Haiti
- UNICEF: www.unicefusa.org
- United Nations World Food Programme: www.wfp.org
- Yele Haiti Foundation: yele-haiti.org

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students" he said, "I have been looking forward to students using it; I really think they will be pleased."

According to Ponder, students will not be required to attend workshops to learn how to manage the new e-mail system, "I



think they will pick it up fast" he stated.

According to the Information Department, after the transition has taken place, the new user names and passwords to access the new system will be the same ones currently being used for MyJSU accounts; old e-mail accounts and passwords can only be used to access old JSU e-mail accounts which will be available for a short period of time as view-only.

"The new email system will have the same password as their MyJSU accounts" said Ponder. "We are trying to make it into a one password system eventually; passwords can be changed on MyJSU."

As for the current users, Pam McGhee, secretary to the CCBA Associate Dean said that she likes it "just fine" when asked about the new email system compared to the old one.

"I didn't notice losing any kind of information, so I think it was a very smooth transition" said McGhee who also explained she had worked with the old GEM since 2001.

It is expected that the system will have a downtime of about 24 hours or less while it is in transition. No e-mail access will be available during this time.

Ponder said he is aware that a lot of people are not willing to switch their main email providers but that he is sure that many will think it twice once they take a look at the new platform.

The switch, which is to affect every JSU email user, is to take effect at 8 p.m.

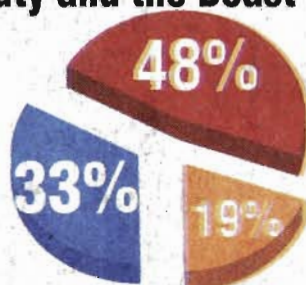
QUESTION of the WEEK

Will you see JSU drama's 'Beauty and the Beast'?

Yes- 48%

No - 33%

Maybe - 19%



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Next week's question:

Have you donated to a charity to help the Haiti relief efforts?

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ON Campus

Briefs

• Dance and Dine With Your Valentine at JSU Big Band and Jazz Event

Come dance and dine with your Valentine on Friday, February 12 from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. at the Oxford Civic Center.

Enjoy a superb Italian buffet then dance the night away at this very special evening of music featuring live big band dance music from the Great American Song Book as performed by the outstanding JSU Jazz Orchestra and Studio Jazz Band with featured vocalists Kelsey Crow and Jean Ellison.

Tickets are only \$45 per couple and \$25 for individuals. Students with a valid JSU ID can purchase limited tickets for \$25 a couple. Only 325 seats are available so act fast.

All proceeds will benefit the JSU Department of Music and Phi Mu Alpha, Kappa Kappa Psi national honorary band fraternity, and Sigma Alpha Iota.

Tickets are available at the door and can be reserved by calling 256 782 5883.

• Business Planning Workshop Scheduled

The Jacksonville State University Small Business Development Center (JSU SBDC) will present a FREE Business Planning workshop for current or prospective business owners on February 4, 2010 from 1 - 3 p.m. The workshop is co-sponsored by the Small Business Administration and the Alabama Small Business Institute for Commerce.

The Business Planning workshop will be held at the SBDC Office on the JSU campus in Room 114, Merrill Hall (College of Commerce & Business Administration Bldg.).

Seating is very limited so ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. To register, call the SBDC office at (256) 782-5271.

Contact Suzi Donaldson, JSU SBDC, 700 Pelham Rd. N., Jacksonville, AL 36265, 256.782.5271.

Campus Crime

January 19, 2010.

- Harassing communications were reported in Dixon Hall.
- Theft of property was reported at the Theron Montgomery Building.
- Burglary was reported at the Kappa Alpha House.

Board talks money, status of the University

By David Jennings
Special to The
Chanticleer

Despite a less than positive economic outlook at Jacksonville State University, President Dr. William Meehan told the Board of Trustees on Monday morning that he remains positive about the future of the school.

"Gov. Riley has submitted his budget for the fiscal year 2011, recommending the total budget for Jacksonville State University with stimulus funding amounting to \$42,177,172," Meehan stated.

Meehan then shared a report stating that the total loss in state funding since fiscal year 2007-2008 has been 18.5 percent, or around \$9.1 million. The report said that the University would have lost over 25 percent if not for this year's \$3.3 million in stimulus funding.

"We are grateful for the stimulus funds," said Meehan. "But, the stimulus money after this next fiscal year will go away. Our economic situation has not recovered and proration is still a threat to this fiscal year. Even though there are signs that our country's economy is improving, we have yet to feel those effects here in Alabama."

However, Meehan sees no layoffs or cutbacks

ahead.

"We will continue the efficiency at JSU that has allowed us to avoid the furloughs and layoffs that other institutions have experienced," said Meehan.

Giving an update on the stadium expansion to the board, Meehan said that the housing component of the project is projected to be completed by mid-June and the stadium component to be completed by mid-August, in time for the first home football game against Chattanooga.

"I think that this will be something everyone is going to be proud of," said Board member G. Mack Roberts.

Meehan also addressed the University's sidewalk project along Alabama Highway 204.

Meehan said that the project was broken into two phases, the first being from the highway to the Chief Ladiga Trail and the second running from the trail to the corner of 204 and Park Avenue. According to the Alabama Department of Highway Transportation, the FHWA has not authorized Phase I due to Federal funding issues, but Phase II has been cleared.

Meehan said that despite criticism, the recommendation is to proceed with Phase II.

"We believe [Phase I]

will come in time," said Meehan.

Meehan said that 8,752 students were enrolled in the spring semester – one student less than last year.

"The number of first time transfer students rose 15.5 percent from last spring," Meehan said. "Enrollment for the College of Nursing and Health Science rose by 13 percent and was the only college to see a gain in enrollment for the Spring Term."

During the Academic and Student Affairs report, the board heard about the effects that changes made last year in the way JSU awarded scholarships affected the number of scholarships accepted. Changes include: lowering some ACT score requirements for some scholarships, focusing on those who chose JSU to send their ACT scores to, eliminating the scholarship application requirements, and giving students from the 10 adjoining Georgia counties in-state tuition status.

"Our new process for awarding scholarships has generated enormous interest, commitments, and numbers of freshmen for next year," said Dr. Rebecca Turner, vice-president for Academic and Student Affairs.

Marin Weldon, coordinator of scholarships at JSU, showed the

board the results of those changes. For 2009-2010, 342 scholarships were offered with 206 being accepted. As of January 20th, 1,197 scholarships have been offered for 2010-2011 with 401 accepted. Note that the scholarships can still be accepted up to March 1st, so the number may rise.

Oval James, director of athletics, also gave a report to the board. James complemented the University's volleyball team on its 17-1 season in which the Gamecocks won the program's fourth Ohio Valley Conference title in the past five years and first NCAA tournament win with a 3-2 defeat of Florida A&M. Volleyball coach Rick Nold, who was chosen OVC Coach of the Year, received a standing ovation during the meeting.

ACE Tutoring Services reported serving a record number of JSU athletes during the Fall 2009 semester, and according to James, the average GPA for Jacksonville's student-athletes during Fall 2009 was 2.9, with 10 teams receiving a 3.0 GPA or better.

James also reported that the university's football team would be eligible for post-season play in the 2010 season after improving its APR scores.

WLJS finds big names, more students

By Doran Smith
Art and Entertainment Editor

Jacksonville State University's radio station, WLJS 92J, is growing. While the growth may not be obvious to new listeners, long time listeners to WLJS have noticed an obvious growth over the past few

semester. Some program directors in the past have had trouble getting students to volunteer. With this new requirement for media workshop, we can pick and choose."

The media workshop's first semester to be required was this past spring semester. Already the

"We have already interviewed Hinder, Decipher down and August Burns Red," said Ramsey. "Coming up, we have Blackeyed Peas, John Mayer, Eric Clapton, Owl City and Devil Wears Prada."

These interviews are all scheduled throughout the next month and

Theron Montgomery Building.

- Burglary was reported at the Kappa Alpha House. Stolen was a picture/ letter from Robert E. Lee and an Alpha charter.

January 20, 2010

- Receiving of stolen property was reported at the JSU Quad. Recovered was a 8th street sign and a 9th street sign.

What's Happening

Does your club or organization have an upcoming event you would like publicized?

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Thursday, January 28.

- Calico Winter Guard practice, TMB Auditorium, 5-9 pm
- Domestic Violence Support Group, 1102 Houston Cole Library, 1:00-2:00 pm

Saturday, January 30

- Climate Change: We Can Solve It! Little River Canyon Center, 1:00-3:30 pm.

Monday, February 1

- Career Awareness Expo, Leone Cole Auditorium, 7:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Roundhouse Recovery, Roundhouse, 8-9pm

Tuesday, February 2

- Career Awareness Expo, Leone Cole Auditorium, 7:30 am - 12:00 pm
- The Royal & Oh So Sweet Relief Mixer, TMB Auditorium, 8-11 pm, Admission: \$1 wearing Haiti colors

radio station, WLJS 92J, is growing. While the growth may not be obvious to new listeners, long time listeners to WLJS have noticed an obvious growth over the past few semesters.

The radio station's growth is attributed to the new requirement in the Communication Department, a media workshop. The workshop requires students to have a practicum in one of the department's forms of student media.

"Now, to be a Communication major, you actually have to be involved in the department," said Zach Childree, Editor in Chief of the Chanticleer.

The university's radio station has benefited greatly from the media workshop. Where program directors once found it difficult to find disc jockeys, WLJS now has a solid workforce.

"Right now, we have over forty DJs," said Billy Ramsey, Program Director for WLJS. "We are looking to expand to sixty during the spring

requirement for media workshop, we can pick and choose."

The media workshop's first semester to be required was this past spring semester. Already, the varying influences can be heard from the growing WLJS station.

"Our shows range from alternative country with Cigarettes and Train Wrecks, to death metal with The Descent, to adult contemporary with Adam and Friends."

Another welcome symptom of the radio station's growth spurt is an equipment upgrade for WLJS.

"We are looking at using actual automation software in our radio station, as opposed to just playing music off of iTunes or CDs," Ramsey said. "With this, we make our students more marketable to big radio stations."

The station is also adding variety to the content the air. Since the beginning of the school year, Ramsey has been coordinating several interviews with big-name bands to air for student entertainment.

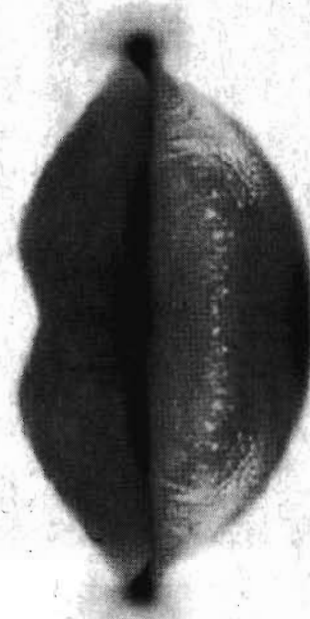
up, we have Blackeyed Peas, John Mayer, Eric Clapton, Owl City and Devil Wears Prada."

These interviews are all scheduled throughout the next month and coincide with the musicians' concert tour through the south. Also scheduled for an interview is Casting Crowns, Edwin McCain, Alice in Chains and the Used.

"In the past, I have been handling artists with kid gloves; not really getting to deep," Ramsey said. "That is over. It is time to get to the heart of it."

Another reason for conversing with big-name bands, according to Ramsey, is to get the names of local artists featured on WLJS out and about.

"Some of the local musicians we have, like Lindsey Hinkle and Dustin Benfield, are very talented," Ramsey said. "By doing interviews with big name bands, I can maybe help those musicians to get signed on with a label."



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Stand up for something, Alabama

From constitutional reform to the lottery, the state is behind

By James Burton
Columnist

I have written on and off for the Chanty since fall of 2005 (yes I am that old.) And one topic that reared its ugly head numerous times to be beaten like a dead horse is that about our state constitution. I can't think of how many times people have taken turns at that, but you know what? I'm me, and I'm warped, so its my turn to beat this horse.

For those of you living under a rock (or just don't care. Same difference in this state, really) Our state constitution is the longest in the world. It has 827 amendments and over 360,000 words (this is three times longer than the Constitution of India at 117,000 words.) Seventy percent of those 827 apply to single counties or cities, and therefore are pretty repetitive. Okay. So you're refreshed.

Here's what you may not know. When you go to the polls on election day and you see that bizarre law being proposed for something you've never even heard of before. Lets say Mobile County wants to increase the tax on shellfish by 1% to help pay the school books for underprivileged children. This goes on the state ballot, and all 67 counties vote on it. Yes. All 67 counties. Now think back to the last time you saw one of those bizarre bills on your ballot. Did you vote yes? Probably not.

More times than not 66 counties will vote no on a new law, and 1 county will vote for it (the county it actually applies to) but guess what? They don't get that 1% increase and those poor kids don't get new books. Why is that you say? Well, that's because our constitution was formed in order to spend as little money as humanly possible on anything anywhere because "New South" politicians are cheap-asses. (That, and well, to keep the minorities and poor whites down. No lie. Don't believe me? Look it up. I'm not doing all your homework.)

Where am I going with this? Well, its simple. OUR STATE IS BROKE. Ever notice how our roads take forever to get finished despite the fact there are lots of people working on them. This is embarrassing especially considering when you cross the state line into Georgia and you see a road crew of 16 people. Only one

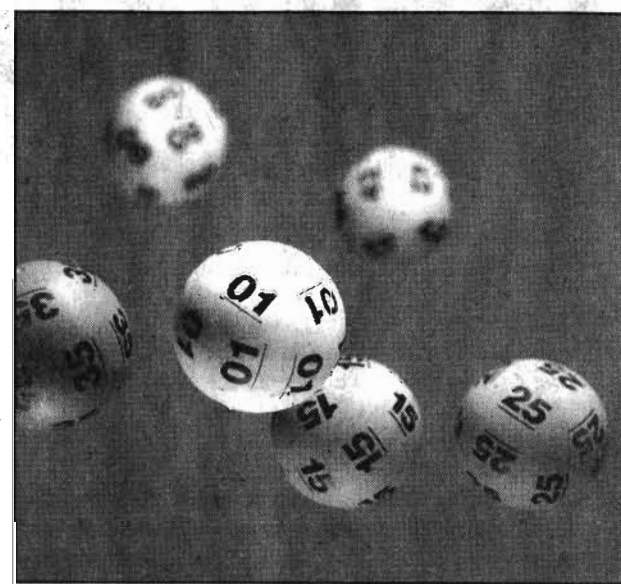
of them is ever doing anything useful and yet they STILL manage to finish their roads. That's because they have money. What do we have? Potholes and sections of Highway 21 that will probably never be finished.

There are lots of ways to make money for our state. An example would be a lottery. Every state surrounding us (except Mississippi; thanks for being one of two states in the US that are more pathetic than us) has a lottery. Georgia's lottery brings in over a billion dollars annually. A billion

dollars here could go to education, roads or even restore a couple of state buildings that probably still have asbestos in them. But noooooooo. God forbid we offend the so-called "Christian Right" who don't want the "Sin Money" paying for such things.

I consider myself Christian (duh. Read some of my past articles) but it is the primitive stronghold in this state which makes it suffer (and makes us look like a laughing stock to the rest of the free world.) I mean, seriously. I thought these people who be dead from old age by now. Ever wonder why famous people born here rarely ever come back? That's because they knew there was no way in hell they could ever get anything done so they bolted once the opportunity arose. Don't believe me? Look up the list of famous people from Alabama. Ever hear of them coming back? Of course not. (Prove me wrong, readers. Please.)

So here's the deal. The south is all about the Tenth Amendment (state's rights.) That's what the War of Northern Aggression was fought over, after all. I'm conservative enough that I think that states should retain an identity so long as they know what the hell they are doing. And that being said, if anyone ever deserved to lose their tenth amendment rights it is the



Could a lottery be the answers to Alabama's problems?

state of Alabama. So if Obama ever reads this, (which he won't. We'd be lucky if he used this paper as a beer coaster) threaten Montgomery. Tell them if they don't get their butts in gear and crank out a new and (pardon the pun) constitutional constitution within the next five years, then do like whenever the federal government wants a state to do anything else: withhold money for everything. Honestly, if Montgomery keeps playing the "If we pretend it doesn't exist maybe it will go away" game, I'm going to suggest the whole damn state be given back to the Native Americans. At least we know how to make money.

I wonder how many "If you don't like it here then leave" comments I will get for this. God, I love those people.

President Obama finds a way to raise money for healthcare





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Arts & Entertainment

Dear Julie

By Julie Skinner
Columnist

Some weeks are just a drag. Every once in a while, I have a week like this week, where it feels like everything is just raining down on me all at once.

I figured that with being a college senior, my last semester would get a little easier. I guess I was wrong.

Even though life can get stressful with all its surprises, it feels so good when you do get past the stormy parts.

In life and love, there will be times of smooth sailing and times when you just hope that the waves will let up soon. The key is to know that the waves will ease up, and that perseverance will guide you through the rough patches. The older I get, the more I realize that I appreciate the hard and challenging parts of any situation.

I enjoy a good struggle when it comes to achieving something, and I don't mind working hard to get to where I'm going. Sometimes, I feel like I might even make things too hard on myself. However, too often in life we settle for something because it's convenient or easy to obtain. Why do we do this?

Especially when it comes to dating and falling in love, how often have you dated someone simply because it was convenient to?

I know I have. I also know that I've lingered too long in previous relationships because I was scared of how it would feel to not have that person in my life anymore. I knew deep down that it was time to move on, yet

Aunt Edna: Addicted To Love?

Dear Aunt Edna,
What makes someone a sex addict?

Dear Anonymous,

Whether or not sexual addiction is a real problem or disorder has been a topic of debate for some time. In fact, sexual addiction isn't even recognized as a disorder according to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder (DSM). Despite this fact, there are many who possess the symptoms associated with being a "sex addict." Many psychologists and doctors say that sexual addiction is a real problem that can have a major impact on a person's life.

It should be noted that there is a difference between simply having a high sex drive and being a sex addict. I think it is important to discuss the differences between the two to better answer this question.

A sex drive is defined as the physiological need for sex. It's what makes us want to have sex with a partner. Those who have a high sex drive simply crave sexual activity more often. Just because someone has a great deal of sex does not make him or her a "sex addict."

The AllPsych Journal defines sex addicts as "those who engage in persistent

and escalating patterns of sexual behavior acted out despite increasingly negative consequences to self and to others." Unlike someone with a high sex drive, a sex addict uses sex and self-stimulation as a means of coping, just like alcoholism or different eating disorders.

According to AllPsych, it is the constant need for excitement and the conquest that takes the focus off the issue or pain. Sex addicts have an unusual obsession with sex and feel compelled to act out. Also unlike someone with a high sex drive, a sex addict usually doesn't get a lasting pleasure from sex. Satisfaction is short lived and they find themselves having to repeat sexual actions over and over. They also tend to lack an emotional bond with their partners.

Their actions are also usually followed by feelings of guilt or shame. There are also certain behaviors associated with sexual addiction. These include compulsive self-

stimulation, multiple affairs, multiple or anonymous partners, consistent use of pornography, unsafe sex, phone or cybersex, prostitution, exhibitionism, voyeurism and in severe cases sexual harassment and molestation or rape. Over 50 percent of sex

addicts can find their problem rooted in their childhood, whether that be through some form of abuse, neglect or being introduced to sex in an inappropriate way.

Treatment for sex addiction varies. As all addiction's it starts when the person chooses to accept their problem. There are many different support groups and therapy sessions for sex addicts, as well as education on having a healthy sex life, rather than a sporadic one.

For more information about treatment and

rehabilitation centers online visit <http://www.saa-recovery.org/Meetings/United-States/meeting.php?state=AL> or call 1-800-477-8191

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Aunt Edna

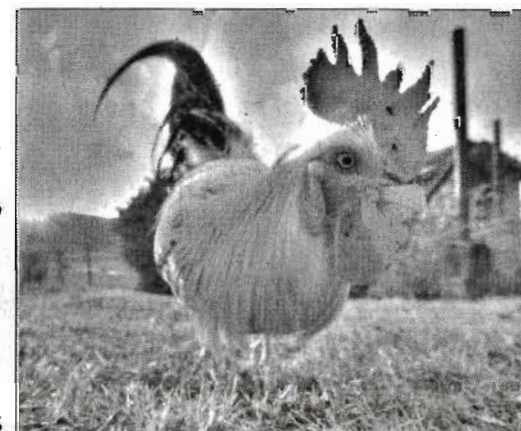
Chicken Scratch

I've never done this before. Did you know that can critical with a touch spell, but that it only does x2 damage?

Do Something! Serve God!
(ED: but what did he order?)

Are there other religions on campus other than Baptists? Why is my tuition going to fund prayer circles on 92J?

Why weren't students notified of the death threats



previous relationships because I was scared of how it would feel to not have that person in my life anymore. I knew deep down that it was time to move on, yet the fear of the unfamiliar was overwhelming.

Bottom line, relationships aren't easy. They're not supposed to be. It takes work and dedication on both parts, and as soon as one half stops putting forth the required energy, the whole system will fall apart.

As with relationships, dating isn't easy either. I think dating is even scarier than a relationship at times, because getting to know a person is always a little awkward and unnerving. Once in a relationship, you have to face harder issues; but at least there's a sense of comfort and familiarity already established.

I look at dating like picking apples from an apple tree. You can stand beneath the tree and look up at all the different apples there are. Some don't suit your taste at all, while others could be enjoyable but not exactly a match for your palate.

Of course, the apple that you have your eye on is at the very top of the tree. At the top, which would require you to climb, stretch and risk falling.

The others, well, they would probably be just fine. Plus, they're an easier grab and don't require such a risk. So, which do you choose?

The reddest apples weren't picked without a reach. I can tell you that much. When we do settle for people in our lives, it's hurtful to both ourselves and for them. It's simply not worth it. By no means am I saying to be incredibly picky, but there's nothing wrong with holding out for someone who is worth the fight.

Dating just to date is fun; don't get me wrong. Too often, however, I feel that we are swept into the idea that being single is wrong, and that without a significant other we wouldn't be content.

Dating and relationships are tricky subjects. I write this column because I enjoy it, but the idea of it all still baffles me. If I've learned anything in the 22 years I've been around, it's that settling for anything in life is taking the easy way out.

x2 damage?

Do Something! Serve God!
(ED: but what did he order?)

Wingardium Leviosa!

Pants on the ground. pants on the ground. looking like a fool with your pants on the ground.

Jay Leno....sucks.

Go Gryffindor!

Thanks to that tool from TV 24 in the white and red Mustang, 50% of student parking is filled up.
PARK SOMEWHERE ELSE!

SCREW ATTENDANCE POLICIES!!!

"So Cosmo says you're fat. Well, I ain't down with that ... Give me a sista - I can't resist her - Red beans and rice didn't miss her."

Aunt Edna reminds me of a cross between my grandmother and Hugh Hefner.

Dean's list! That's me, number 42. I win!

run prayer circles on 92J?

Why weren't students notified of the death threats received at the TMB???
(Ed Note: If this is true, why wasn't the paper notified?)

Jump off that sofa! Let's get crunk.

Laura B...I forgive you.

If I weren't a homo I'd totally be all over Julie Skinner.

Just so you know, ibustin' a sagi was originally a method to identify the 'lady' in prisons. not that there's anything wrong with that.

El Caminos are still Awesome!

Make a Bad Romance with me ;)

Lady gaga is amazing....thats all :)

I love that the bus system has allowed more dimwits that still need nurse-maids to



aimlessly walk into the streets (and I'm not talking about cross-walks either!!!)

Okay Everyone check out the band Ludo. They are freaking awesome.

I could kiss who ever made "Chicken Scratch"...oh wait...

Hoping the Saints win the Super Bowl!!!
(Ed Note: It is possible that Catholics have a patron saint of football. Just saying..)

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Men, chocolate, and coffee are all better rich.

Go check out Avatar!!! and eat popcorn! with butter on it

Sometimes I still cry myself to sleep bc they cancelled Buffy the Vampire Slayer :(

Top songs of the week

Billboard's Hot 100 top 10 songs of the week:

1. **Tik Tok**- Ke\$ha, *Animal*
2. **Bad Romance**- Lady GaGa, *The Fame*
3. **Empire State of Mind**—Jay-Z and Alicia Keys, *The Blueprint 3*
4. **BedRock**-Young Money feat. Lloyd
5. **Replay**- Iyaz, *Replay*
6. **Sexy Chick**- David Guetta feat Akon, *Sexy Bitch*
7. **Hey, Soul Sister**-Train, *Save Me San Francisco*
8. **Hard**- Rihanna feat Jeezy, *Rated R*
9. **Fireflies**- Owl City, *Ocean Eyes*
10. **How Low**- Ludacris, *How Low*

RE-UP *Get a Room*

REAPPLICATION INFORMATION FOR FALL 2010 – SPRING 2011

February 1-5, 9am-4pm If you want to live in NEW Stadium Housing:

1. This week is open to ANYONE who lives in university housing.
2. You may come with 1-3 roommates and apply together.
3. The cost of Stadium Housing will be approximately \$2,400-\$2,800 per semester.
4. Meal plan is required at Stadium Housing.
5. Current resident assistants may apply at this time.
6. Sorority women wanting to live in Stadium Housing must see their chapter president in order to reapply.
7. Stadium Housing lease agreement is from fall move-in to the end of the summer II term.

must apply at bibb graves 103

February 8-12, 9am – 4pm If you want to keep your SAME on-campus apartment:

1. Campus Inn, College, Colonial Arms, Jax, Pannell, and Penn House residents only.
2. If you don't apply during this week for your current apartment, you will lose it.
3. All utilities are included in the housing fee (telephone is excluded at Colonial Arms and Jax Apts.).
4. Apartment lease agreements are from fall move-in to the end of the summer II term.

February 15-19 NO REAPPLICATION this week.

February 22-26, 9am - 4pm Residents living in these residence halls are not able to squat: Crow, Curtiss, Daugette, Dixon, Fitzpatrick, Logan, Patterson and Sparkman Halls, Leadership Houses (Men and Women):

1. If you did not apply for Stadium Housing during the first week or are not able to squat for your current assignment.
2. Daugette Hall will become private rooms for males who have lived on-campus at least one semester.
3. Residents may apply for Daugette, Sparkman and any available on-campus apartments during this week.
4. Current resident assistants may apply at this time.

March 1-5, 9am - 4pm Residents that forgot to re-apply or would like to request a room change:

1. If you want to request a room change, you must do so during this week. If you do not, you will have to wait until the next re-application period.

4. Current resident assistants may apply at this time.

March 1-5, 9am - 4pm Residents that forgot to re-apply or would like to request a room change:

1. You may only request to change your fall assignment ONE time! Any other requests to change will have to wait until the fall room change week.

MORE INFO

- The Housing department will accept Leadership House applications beginning Feb. 1, 2010. Applications are due April 1!
- Students seeking summer housing will be assigned to Logan and Patterson. You may apply for summer housing during re-application as well. The cost of Logan and Patterson is \$535 per term.
- Residents who apply after March 5, will be considered new students. You will be assigned according to the date in which your application is received. You will also be required to pay the \$150 application fee.
- Sorority chapter presidents will receive reapplication packets for sorority women wishing to live in the NEW Stadium Housing. You must see your chapter president between February 1-5 to complete re-up.

Stadium Housing



Amadou Mbodji goes up for a shot against Tennessee State during last Thursday's game that was covered by ESPN. Photo by jsufan.com

Gamecocks defeat Tigers on ESPN

JSU basketball win televised nationally

by Austin Faulkner
Sports Staff Writer

Pete Mathews Coliseum, to anyone outside of the Jacksonville State campus, means little. To the fans that enjoy pulling for their basketball team, it is a place of reverence.

ESPN decided to take a look from a JSU Gamecock's perspective as they televised last Thursday's match-up versus the Tennessee State Tigers. Fans poured

and missing a lay-up, which was then converted into two points by the Tigers. The Gamecocks were behind until 14:49 in the half. They held the lead for 5:22, but a Tennessee State 3-pointer fell through the net and tied the game. Tennessee State held the lead the remainder of the first half with a half-time score of TSU 35 JSU 24.

Things picked up in the second half, however. One could sense a different air around the team

game, widening the gap until the end of the game when the scoreboard read JSU 85 TSU 67.

There were good performances all around with juniors Nick Murphy and Trenton Marshall leading the way with 23 and 21 points respectively. One had a feeling of déjà vu, when these two had almost identical plays. Murphy caught the pass from sophomore Dominique Shellman at half court, who made the steal, and delivered the jam. Only minutes later, Marshall made a steal and took it to

JSU women's basketball falls short against APSU

from jsugamecocksports.com

Jacksonville State placed four players in double figures but came up short, falling to Austin Peay (7-13, 6-3 Ohio Valley Conference) on Saturday at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

The loss ended an overall two-game winning streak and snapped a string of five straight wins when scoring 70-plus points as the Gamecocks fell to 6-13 overall and 3-6 in the OVC.

Destiny Lane led the Gamecocks with 16 points and had seven rebounds followed by Danielle Vaughn with 14 points. Karisma Boykin scored 12 points and had five assists and Zenobia Pitts added 10 points and five assists. Leading scorer rebounder Brittany Wiley was held to four points but collected a team-high nine

a Brooke Faulkner 3-pointer with 18:26 left.

JSU rallied to cut the APSU lead 51-48 on a Boykin three with 11:54 to play in the second half only to see the Lady Gavs stretch the lead back 11 on a Meghan Bussabarger layup at the 7:11 mark of the second half JSU never climbed any closer than six points the rest of the way.

The Gamecocks held a 14-9 lead with 13:29 to go in the first half but an 11-2 run capped by a Jasmine Rayner basket gave APSU the lead for good at 20-16.

The Lady Gavs took command of the first half when Whitney Hanley sank a pair of free throws on the end of a 11-2 run that pushed the lead to 39-24 with 1:26 to go in the first half.

Nicole Jamen led Austin Peay with 18 points and 12 rebounds while Faulkner had 17 points along with six

ESPNU decided to take a look from a JSU Gamecock's perspective as they televised last Thursday's match-up versus the Tennessee State Tigers. Fans poured in through the double doors and sprawling lobby to get a glimpse of the action that was about to unfold on the hardwood below.

The game didn't start well with Jacksonville winning the tip-off

with a half-time score of JSU 33 JSU 24.

Things picked up in the second half, however. One could sense a different air around the team as they jogged out to warm-ups after their half-time pep talk. The Gamecocks allowed the Tigers to retain the lead for another two minutes until JSU regained the lead. Coach Green's squad didn't allow the Tigers to get back in the

almost identical plays. Murphy caught the pass from sophomore Dominique Shellman at half court, who made the steal, and delivered the jam. Only minutes later, Marshall gets a steal and takes it to the rim where he violently threw it down.

ESPNU picked a great game to attend. As a fan, I hope it becomes a consistent practice.

Leading scorer Brittany Wiley was held to four points but collected a team-high nine rebounds.

The Gamecocks trailed 40-27 at the half and faced a 17-point deficit early in the second half after

the first half.

Nicole Jamen led Austin Peay with 18 points and 12 rebounds while Faulkner had 17 points along with six rebounds. Rayner finished with 16 points and eight boards and Ashley Herring chipped in 12 points.

Get to know Trenton Marshall

by Ashley Nolan
Staff Writer

Trenton Marshall, of the Jacksonville State University basketball team, is no ordinary athlete. Marshall takes pride in developing strong work ethic, supporting his team, and living a life of leadership.

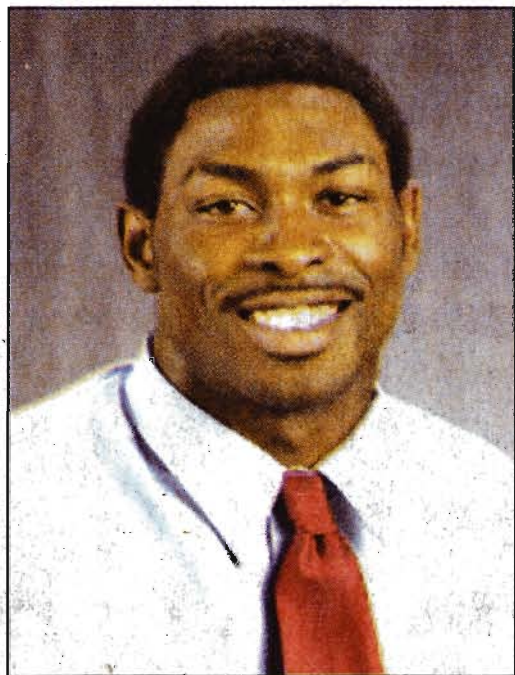
He is originally from Garyville, La. While growing up, Marshall played sports with his older brother, Richard. Though he first found an interest in baseball, Marshall soon became intrigued by basketball. He recalls waiting for the local basketball team to clear the court so he could shoot hoops after school. At the time, Marshall did not know that his after-school hobby would lead to many life opportunities.

Marshall first attended Jones Junior College in Ellisville, Miss. There he played one season under the head coaching of Kyle Roane. Marshall chose to transfer in order to keep playing for Roane when he moved to JSU in 2008.

Marshall can be considered a leader on and off the basketball court. He has specific goals for the team. "I think we should work on building good chemistry among the team" When asked about work ethic, Marshall said that it is important to "give 100 percent to everything, practice or game," said Marshall.

While JSU basketball is important

to Marshall, his studies also take priority. As a junior at JSU, Marshall is majoring in Sociology. In his free time, Marshall finds himself playing "Call of Duty" on his PlayStation 3. After college, he plans to continue working to all together better himself. Getting married and having a family are also in his future plans, but Marshall's big dream is to one-day play in the NBA.



Marshall shares a jersey number with his role model, LeBron James, #23 of the Cleveland Cavaliers. Marshall looks up to James for his high scoring records, and for being a leader on the team. Marshall said, "LeBron James helps his team win. I try to do whatever it takes to help my team win, too."

Marshall's ultimate dream may very well become a reality. He has received many awards that honor his leadership and playing abilities. Earlier this week, Marshall was named the Ohio Valley Conference Newcomer of the Week. This is the fifth time he has been awarded with this recognition.

Marshall is part of a succeeding basketball team at Jacksonville State. They all deserve the encouraging support of JSU students and faculty so come out to the next home game on the Jan. 28, against Southeast Missouri State.

Highlights of the week

- The Jacksonville State softball team is receiving some recognition from both major preseason polls for the second-straight year, landing just outside of both Top 25 lists. The Gamecocks, who finished the 2009 season in both polls and as high as No. 21, were 27th in votes received in both the USA Today/NFCA Division I Top 25 and the ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate Top 25. A year ago, the JSU received the 40th-most votes in both polls before putting together its most storied season in program history.

- Jacksonville State freshman Laveeta Oliver has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Female Track Athlete of the Week. Oliver clocked a 7.69 to break JSU's 60-meter dash record of 7.71 set by JSU Assistant Coach Asha Gibson in 2007 on Friday. In the finals on Saturday, The Orange Park, Fla., native ran a 7.70 to finish 3rd overall in the field off 119 entrants and second on the OVC best list. That finish marked the first time the Gamecocks had a top three finisher at ETSU's Niswonger Invitational. Oliver also ran a 25.57 to win her heat in the 200-meter dash with the 5th best time in conference.

- Jacksonville State junior Trenton Marshall has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Newcomer of the Week for the fifth time.

- Jacksonville State forward Danielle Vaughn was named the Ohio Valley Conference's Freshman of the Week.

- Jacksonville State finished with a 4616-team aggregate score to take second at the Newkirk Invitational hosted by Tennessee Tech last weekend. The Gamecocks targeted a 2346 in the air rifle with Andrea Dardas finishing second with a 589. Brian Carstensen was third with a 588 and Monica Fyfe was fourth with a 587. Kayla Allen's 582 placed her in a tie for sixth. JSU recorded a 2270 in the smallbore. Dardas tied for second to lead JSU with a 580 followed by Carstensen in fourth with a 577. Fyfe targeted a 560 and Matt Mackenzie tallied a 553.

- Laveeta Oliver, Andrea Hoke and Erika Thomas turned in top performances for Jacksonville State track and field on the final day of the Niswonger Indoor Invitational on Saturday. Oliver clocked a 7.70 in the 60-meter dash finals to finish third overall. Andrea Hoke finished fifth in flight one and 37th overall with a 37 feet, one inch in the shot put. Erika Thomas placed fifth overall with a high jump of 5-feet, 5.25 inches. Erica Stam ran a 19:44.28 in the 5000-meter run to finish ninth in section two and 33rd overall. Takisha Parham recorded a distance of 17-feet, six inches to take third in flight one and place 19th overall in the long jump.